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(iv) Posts and Telegraphs.

858. The number of Post Offices existing at the commencement of the year was 1,036 and the number of Post Offices opened during the year was 91. The number of new Post letter boxes planted in villages during the year was 121. The number of Telegraph Offices that were existing at the beginning of the year was 129 and the number of Telegraph Offices opened during the year was 10.

859. Daily service was introduced in 92 villages by appointing additional extra departmental delivery agents.

860. Public call offices were opened at the following places :—

1. Arsikere,
2. Nanjangud,
3. Chikmagalur,
4. Kadur and
5. Hassan.

861. New Motor Mail Services were introduced over the following lines :—

1. Bangalore City—Vijayapura.
2. Madhugiri—Kadigerehalli.

(v) Economic Development and Planning.

862. The Inter-Departmental Committee on Planning and Development which was set up by Government in May 1950 on the advice of the Planning Commission, Government of India, for the purpose of securing the necessary co-ordination between the Departments of Government themselves on the one hand and affording the utmost measure of collaboration and assistance to the Planning Commission on the other continued to function during the year.

Implementation of the Plan.

863. The Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning has been co-ordinating the work of development schemes under the first five-year plan of Mysore between the Government and the Heads of Departments, who have been entrusted with the work of implementation of the schemes relating to their respective departments under the plan.

864. The Five-Year Plan of Mysore as originally accepted by the Planning Commission and included in the All-India Plan contemplated a developmental expenditure of Rs. 36·60 crores. The Plan underwent revision from time to time on account of the additional loan assistance of Rs. 3·50 crores received from the Government of India for stepping up the pace of progress of the Bhadra and the Nugu Reservoir Projects and the addition of new schemes such as the expansion of the Government Porcelain Factory estimated to cost Rs. 63 lakhs and the transfer of schemes of the Bellary District from the Madras State plans consequent on the merger of the District in the State from 1st October 1953. The State plan stood at Rs. 47·99 crores at the end of 1953-54.

Progress of the Plan during the last four years.

865. The representatives of the Planning Commission visited the State in September 1954 and reviewed the progress of the Schemes under the plan at a meeting with the concerned Secretaries to the Government of Mysore and the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning and had discussions with them. In pursuance of these discussions, Government issued instructions to the Heads of Development Departments to review the progress of each scheme implemented by them and to see that the schemes are implemented in full and the targets set in the plan are achieved during the plan period. Meetings were convened during December 1954 and each scheme was reviewed and the realistic position of each scheme was ascertained from the Departments on the basis of the progress made so far and anticipated expenditure for the remaining period of the plan. The Plan was accordingly revised to Rs. 47·97 crores and a revised plan was also published in January 1955. There has been an expenditure of Rs. 31·71 crores during the four years of the present plan.

866. A provision of Rs. 1017·77 lakhs was made in the Budget for the year 1954-55 for expenditure on the plan and as against this provision, a sum of Rs. 799·44 lakhs was spent during the year.

Progress of the Plan during the year.

867. Seven schemes under Agriculture, 15 schemes under Food Production and nine Irrigation schemes under Malnad Development works were included under this group head for which there was a budget provision of Rs. 68·38

Agriculture including food production and Minor irrigation.

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lakhs for last year. Six additional Research Schemes under Agriculture and five additional Schemes under food production were also under implementation. The total expenditure under all the schemes for the year amounted to Rs. 91·99 lakhs. The schemes for restoration and desilting of tanks, construction and improvement of rivers, channels, tanks, pick-ups and feeder channels, grant of subsidy and loans for construction of irrigation wells, distribution of improved seeds, manure and fertilisers, tractor and lorry services are the important ones under this group.

Veterinary and Animal Husbandry.

868. Eleven schemes were under execution under this group and a sum of Rs. 12·98 lakhs was spent against the budget provision of Rs. 11·14 lakhs. These schemes provide for veterinary aid to cattle, sheep and poultry, improvement of live stock and control of parasitic diseases among cattle and sheep and artificial insemination of cattle and the establishment of a composite live-stock farm and Research Station at Hessarghatta for supplying breeding stock to the entire State for grading up local stock.

869. Several schemes under Forests, Co-operation, Fisheries, Rural Development, Irrigation Projects, Bellara Gold Mines, Road Development Schemes, Education General, University Education, Technical and Vocational Education, Medical, Public Health, and Welfare of Depressed Classes, were under implementation.

870. Apart from the above schemes, the following schemes sponsored by the Government of India and financed partly or wholly by the Central Government were also under implementation in the State:—

1. Community Project.
2. The National Extension Service Scheme.
3. Local Development Works.
4. The Key Village Farms.
5. Programme to relieve the Educated Un-employed persons.
6. The National Malaria Control Scheme and
7. The Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadrâvati.